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BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the above-mentioned Final Rejection, claims 479-514, 524-529 and 532-535 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 4,863,772 (Cross) in view of U.S. Patent 5,407,718 (Popat et al.); claims 515 and 516 were rejected as being unpatentable over Cross in view of Popat et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent 4,704,317 (Hickenbotham); claims 517-523 were rejected as being unpatentable over Cross in view of Popat et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,198,275 (Klein); and claims 530 and 531 were rejected as being unpatentable over Cross in view of Popat et al. and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,842,722 (Carlson).

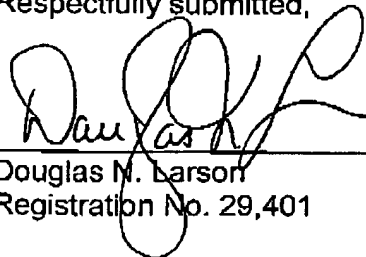
In further response to the Final Rejection, independent claim 479 has been further amended to more specifically define the position of the film layer and dependent claim 544 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The internally positioned film layer is disclosed, for example, by layer 204 in FIGS. 6, 23, 24, 26 and 28, 374c in FIG. 9A, 377c in FIG. 9B, and 377d in FIG. 9B.

Accordingly, it is respectfully contended that all of the claims now pending are in condition for allowance. Issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is thus in order. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicant at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,


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